2015 HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS RATE CHANGES FOR SMALL GROUP MARKET COVERAGE

The SCDOI has approved the rates and forms for health insurance issuers that are planning to write small group market coverage for calendar year 2015. All 2015 products – on and off the Exchange – will be available for purchase during the Open Enrollment Period that begins November 15th for coverage effective as soon as January 1, 2015. Below is a summary of the range of rate changes that have been approved for 2015 plans by company and market availability. The Department has published a separate summary of the range of rate changes impacting 2015 plans that will be available in the individual market (available online by clicking here).

SMALL GROUP MARKET ISSUERS SEEKING EXCHANGE CERTIFICATION				
Company Name	Maximum Change	Minimum Change	Average Change	
BlueChoice HealthPlan	2.58%	-4.04%	1.90%	
BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina	6.05%	3.87%	4.17%	
Consumers' Choice Health Insurance Company	43.60%	-33.10%	-2.20%	
All Exchange Issuers Combined				
Maximum Rate Change			43.60%	
Minimum Rate Change			-33.10%	
Wt. Average Rate Change			3.16%	

SMALL GROUP MARKET ISSUERS WRITING IN THE PRIVATE MARKET (OFF EXCHANGE)					
Company Name	Maximum Change	Minimum Change	Average Change		
Aetna Life Insurance Company	0.00%	-33.80%	-21.20%		
BlueChoice HealthPlan	2.58%	-4.04%	1.90%		
BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina	6.05%	3.87%	4.17%		
Consumers' Choice Health Insurance Company	43.60%	-33.10%	-2.20%		
Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company	16.60%	8.00%	9.20%		
Coventry Health Care of the Carolinas, Inc.	17.60%	2.00%	8.40%		
Federated Mutual Insurance Company	7.16%	-0.52%	-0.36%		
John Alden Life Insurance Company	8.00%	-10.00%	3.00%		
Nippon Life Insurance Company of America	0.80%	-11.90%	-2.00%		
Time Insurance Company	8.00%	-10.00%	3.00%		
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of the River Valley	-0.52%	-0.52%	-0.52%		
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All Small Group Issuers Combined					
Maximum Rate Change			43.60%		
Minimum Rate Change			-33.80%		
Wt. Average Rate Change			2.69%		